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This nineteenth bulletin is the latest in a series of regular updates to keep partners and the office of the PCC informed about issues of interest in the police reform landscape following the election of police and crime commissioners. This edition includes:

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1. PCC Event

This PCC meeting took place on 9 July 2013 at the Victory Services Club in London. The event, the third of regular quarterly meetings held between PCCs and Ministers, represented an opportunity for PCCs to discuss with Ministers the issues most important to them, and provided invaluable feedback for Ministers on key issues for PCCs.

The next meeting will be on 9 October in London.

2. Spending Round

On 26 June, the Chancellor announced the results from the 2013 Spending Round, the process which sets budgets for the financial year 2015/16. The Home Secretary wrote to Police and Crime Commissioners on the 27th of June providing details of the implications of the announcement for the police; as well as to provide further details about the police funding settlement for 2014/15.

Central government revenue funding to the police will reduce by less than 6 per cent in real terms in 2015/16, equivalent to a 4.9 per cent real terms reduction compared with 2014/15.

It is expected that Police and Crime Commissioners will drive considerable further savings through improving procurement and collaboration across operational areas and support services, on top of the progress already made over the current Spending Review period. An Innovation Fund of up to £50 million will be created from 2014/15 to enable Police and Crime Commissioners to invest in innovative approaches to improve policing and deliver further efficiencies in the future.

3. Counter-terrorism policing

The Security Minister, James Brokenshire MP, has agreed with Tony Lloyd PCC that local policing bodies should be represented on the Police Counter-Terrorism Board, and that there should be seats for the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and two further PCCs. The Board meets quarterly, chaired by James Brokenshire, and is the forum where those with strategic responsibility for counter-terrorism policing keep the effectiveness of the national counter-terrorism policing arrangements, including the police CT Network, under review. Tony Lloyd (Greater Manchester), Nick Alston (Essex), and Martin Surl (Gloucestershire) have been elected by their peers to collectively represent all PCCs on CT policing matters at this strategic level and will share the two PCC seats among themselves, attending meetings on a rotating basis. These new membership arrangements commenced with the meeting on 11 June, which Tony Lloyd and Stephen Greenhalgh were able to attend.

Queries on CT policing and the remit of the Police CT Board should be sent to George Baxter, by e-mail at George.baxter2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or on 020 7035 3003.

4. Raising awareness of human trafficking

The Home Office is working to raise awareness of human trafficking with the police and other front-line professionals who may encounter victims or perpetrators of human trafficking.

A short briefing paper on human trafficking for PCCs has been published on the Gov.uk website this month: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/briefing-on-human-trafficking-for-police-and-crime-commissioners>

The briefing highlights that human trafficking is a fast-growing global phenomenon that needs to be tackled at a local, national and international level. Of the 43 police forces in England and Wales, information collated by the UK Human Trafficking Centre shows that human trafficking victims have been identified in at least 39 force areas during 2012. Human trafficking offences are not carried out in isolation. Quite often they are linked with individuals who are involved in a range of other serious and organised crimes.

The briefing provides information on the steps PCCs could consider taking to increase awareness of trafficking in force areas and details of resources available to the police to support them in tackling this crime.

For more information please contact Helen Cordy either by email Helen.cordy@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone 020 7035 3341 or David Armour by email David.armour@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone 020 7035 4179.

5. Update on Integrated Offender Management

Local intelligence supporting local solutions

Following the publication of Transforming Rehabilitation: A Strategy for Reform on 9 May, both the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice are running a number of events to engage with colleagues on specific aspects of the Government's reform programme. As part of this, the two departments hosted an event on 17 June specifically focused on crime, the role of Police and Crime Commissioners and Integrated Offender Management (IOM). This is being followed by a series of events with IOM strategic leads and practitioners to look in more detail at the future opportunities that the IOM approach will offer within the context of Transforming Rehabilitation.

The events provide an opportunity for participants to revisit the existing IOM Key Principles and to discuss their continued applicability within the current context. We will be particularly interested to learn from participants' experience, and to examine the opportunities for continuing to develop innovative local approaches that maximise crime reduction and reducing re-offending outcomes, that are focused on a local assessment of existing and future crime threats, and which are responsive to Police and Crime Commissioners' priorities.

The Transforming Rehabilitation strategy document clearly signals the importance of IOM going forward, and these events provide an opportunity for representatives from the police, probation, prisons, local authorities and the voluntary sector to come together to look at the detail behind this.

The Home Office will be running one of these events with the support of the IOM Cymru partnership, including Welsh Government, Wales Probation and Welsh Policing Leads, in Merthyr Tydfil on 30 July. The event is focused on strategic partners within IOM Cymru and representatives from the Police and Crime Commissioners Offices

For further information about this work then please contact Subash Sharma by email: Subash.Sharma@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

6. Informal consultation: Allowing contracted staff to work without a Security Industry Authority licence

This informal consultation invites views on a proposal to remove the requirement for some contracted police staff, i.e. those undertaking certain private security activities, to be licensed by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

Directly employed police staff are already exempt from SIA licensing because they are Crown servants. Where activities are contracted out, however, individuals may become licensable by the SIA under the Private Security Industry Act 2001.

When contracting out activities, police forces set out their requirements, including the qualifications, training, management and oversight of individuals engaged under the contract. We consider that licensing by the SIA would be an unnecessary additional layer of regulation. We therefore propose to make an exclusion order through secondary legislation, so that some contracted staff will not require an SIA licence.

Under this proposal, it would become the sole responsibility of the PCC or Chief Constable (whoever had signed the contract), to ensure that contracted staff were fit and proper for their role. The SIA and the national policing leads are supportive of this approach.

Views on this proposal are now sought from Police and Crime Commissioners, including in relation to the types of security related activities which you feel might be usefully excluded. Please send your comments by email to David Agnew in the Safeguarding and Public Protection Unit: david.agnew@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk by **09 August 2013**.

7. Payment by results for drug and alcohol recovery

In the last PCC Bulletin (issue 18) we updated you on the progress of the Payment by Results (PBR) pilots for drug and alcohol recovery and the offending data that we are making available to drug and alcohol commissioners.

In June the first of ongoing, quarterly reports on offending were issued to drug and alcohol recovery commissioners. The reports tell commissioners how many offences by those in drug treatment have been either saved or gained in their area. The saving/gain is calculated by comparing the actual number of proven offences committed for each period to a predicted number of offences based on a historical baseline. The reports will enable commissioners to pay their providers on the basis of reducing the offending committed by those in drug treatment if they wish to do so.

The reports will be published on the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and your local drug and alcohol recovery commissioners should be able to make them available to you.

If you would like any further information on the reports and how they are put together, or on payment by results more generally then please contact Gareth Williams in the Crime & Criminal Justice Unit Gareth.Williams81@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

8. Police Custody Healthcare Commissioning Template

Damian Green, Minister for Policing and Criminal Justice, wrote to Chief Constables on 1 June to promote the police custody healthcare commissioning template, jointly produced by Greater Manchester Police with the NHS. The template can be used to support police forces and NHS commissioners looking to transfer their police custody healthcare and sexual assault referral centre (SARC) provision to the NHS. It can be used as a core document which can be amended and adapted by local partnerships to suit their local requirements and needs. The template and **accompanying service specifications are all now available on POLKA**. Although health is devolved in Wales this template can be adapted and used by Welsh forces to meet their own requirements.

For further information, contact Richard Jolley: Richard.jolley@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or 020 7035 3906

9. National Crime Agency

There are now just three months to go until the National Crime Agency goes live in October. The full senior team is now in place, with the arrival of Phil Gormley as Deputy Director General in June. Version 3.0 of the Blueprint, the key design document for the NCA, has been shared with key partners, including PCCs, and is now locked down until after go-live. We are moving further in to shadow working to test how the NCA will operate before going fully live, and shadow operations with partners continue to produce real results. We are also continuing to test organisational and operational readiness, to ensure the NCA hits the ground running on day one.

For more information on the NCA visit gov.uk

10. APCC event: Working with the voluntary sector

The APCC held a briefing event on 'Working with the voluntary sector' on 21 June in Manchester which PCCs and VCSE partners attended. The event was chaired by Bob Jones (PCC for West Midlands) and had some excellent keynote speakers, including Michael O'Toole (the Crown representative for the VCSE), Clive Martin (Clinks) and Lord Adebawale (Turning Point). It was also an opportunity for attendees to network and start to establish a mutually beneficial relationship to support the commissioning process and introduce greater innovation and more choice.

More details on the outcome from this event can be obtained from Sara Featherstone: sara.featherstone@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

11. Future commissioning of support services for victims' and witnesses of crime - Regional meetings

The Ministry of Justice held a series of regional meetings to support the smooth transition to local commissioning of victims' services. The meetings were aimed at PCCs and their representatives and were held over a three week period in July.

The meetings focused on the following key areas:

Local commissioning: An opportunity for attendees to discuss and pose questions on the overall approach to local commissioning of victims' services including the recently published commissioning framework.

The court based Witness Service: A presentation about the role of the service and MoJ objectives in commissioning this nationally, followed by a discussion on the interaction between nationally and locally commissioned services.

Referral Mechanism: A discussion around the options for the referral of victims of crime to support services, including an assessment of their needs. A paper on this topic will be distributed shortly via the APCC.

12. Training and Development Day for Police and Crime Panel Members in Wales

The WLGA hosted a Training and Development Day for members of the four Police and Crime Panels in Wales on Monday 15 July in Cardiff. The event, which was chaired by Cllr Brendan Toomey, WLGA Spokesperson for Community Safety, Fire and Policing, was an interactive event and saw delegates considering the experiences of Police and Crime Panels to date and exploring how they may develop and move forward in the future. In addition to the interactive workshop sessions, delegates also heard from representatives of the Home Office, LGA and the IPCC.

We're sending out regular bulletins for partners and the office of police and crime commissioners. Contact us at PCCPartnersEnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk to keep you informed of what we are doing, what we plan to do and the opportunities for you to get involved. We will also field any enquiries or questions you have.

Please also send ideas and proposals for content of future bulletins to this address.